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SUMMARY: DEFAD (LEGERE) MET WITH ASYG MUMFORD LATE
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (MAY 22) FOR AN ADVANCE LOOK AT THE
LTDP SECTION OF THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE AND THE SEPARATE
PUBLIC RELEASE ON THE LTDP PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
STAFF (IS). THE IS PLANS TO CIRCULATE THESE TEXTS TODAY
(MAY 23) WITH A SHORT-NOTICE UNINSTRUCTED DISCUSSION OF THE
DRAFTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON, AND AN INSTRUCTED
SESSION ON MAY 25. WE BELIEVE THAT THE IS DRAFT OF THE
LTDP REFLECTS MUCH OF THE THRUST AND SUBSTANCE OF THE
TEXT PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON. . WE WILL PROVIDE THE
DRAFT TEXTS SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

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1. LTDP SUMMARY. MUMFORD STATED THAT THE IS WAS
AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE SEPARATE PUBLIC RELEASES
ON BOTH THE EAST-WEST STUDY AND THE LTDP AND THE IS HAD
ADOPTED THE BULK OF THE US PROVIDED TEXT WITH REVISIONS
LIMITED TO LITTLE MORE THAN EDITORIAL CHANGES. THESE
CHANGES WERE DIRECTED TOWARDS:

. - REDUCING REDUNDANCY AND DROPPING REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC NUMBERS OF PROGRAMS/RECOMMENDATIONS;

. - DELETING OR WORDING MORE CIRCUMSPECTLY CONTROVERSIAL AREAS, E.G., THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 7 OF US TEXT ON FOLLOW-THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS WAS DROPPED BECAUSE (A) ALLIES HAD OPPOSED STRONGLY THIS LANGUAGE DURING DPC COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING SESSIONS, AND (B) IT WOULD NOT BE READILY UNDERSTOOD BY OR BE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THE PUBLIC;

. - EXCISING REFERENCES TO SOME SPECIFIC PROGRAMS ON SECURITY GROUNDS, PARTICULARLY THE DISCUSSION OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE PROGRAMS IN THE LAST HALF OF PARA 15 OF WASHINGTON TEXT.

2. SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE INPUT. AT DSYG PETRIGNANI'S DIRECTION, THE IS HAD PRODUCED A TWO-PAGE INPUT CONCENTRATING ON THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE LTDP THAT HAD MOST POLITICAL APPEAL, TO WIT: REINFORCEMENT, PARTICULARLY US PREPOSITIONING; THE 3 PERCENT AIM; AND RATIONALIZATION. COMMENT: THE IS DRAFT TEXT WILL ALSO INCLUDE LANGUAGE CONCERNING THE NEED FOR VIGOROUS FOLLOW-THROUGH, INCLUDING A STUDY ON STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY, WHICH IS CONGRUENT WITH OUR SUGGESTIONS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PARA 3, REF A. END COMMENT.

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3. SCHEDULE. MUMFORD HAS SCHEDULED AN INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP MEETING FOR THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE LTDP TEXTS. SUBJECT TO ALLIED AGREEMENT HE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE AN INSTRUCTED SESSION ON MAY 25, TO BE FOLLOWED, IF NECESSARY, BY A FINAL SESSION IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 29, OR AT THE LATEST MAY 30. NOTING THAT MOST DELEGATIONS WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY THEIR DEFADS, MUMFORD COMMENTED THAT HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO WRAP UP THE SEPARATE LTDP RELEASE IN EVERE TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF LAST MINUTE REOPENING OF ALREADY AGREED FACTUAL LANGUAGE IN WASHINGTON BY A NEW GROUP OF ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES.

4. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE IS HAS DONE A GOOD JOB OF REPRODUCING MUCH OF THE THRUST AND SUBSTANCE OF THE US PROPOSED TEXT AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT MUMFORD ON THIS TEXT. THOUGH WE WILL BETTER BE ABLE TO GAUGE ALLIED REACTION FOLLOWING THIS AFTERNOON'S DRAFTING GROUP SESSION, WE ANTICIPATE THAT SOME ALLIES, NOTABLY THE CANADIANS, DANES AND ITALIANS, MAY ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE SUBSTANTIVE TREATMENT OF THE LTDP AND PLACE IT

WITHIN A "MORE POLITICAL" CONTEXT. WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THAT IN THE DRAFTING OF THE DPC COMMUNIQUE, VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE BRACKETED LANGUAGE REFLECTED ITALIAN AND DANISH ATTEMPTS TO TONE DOWN DEFENSE ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO INSERT A MORE PROVISIONAL THRUST TO LANGUAGE ON THE LTDP. THOUGH WISHING TO PROJECT SOLIDARITY AND ACHIEVEMENT, ALLIES DO NOT WANT TO RUFFLE RUSSIAN FEATHERS OVERLY OR SUGGEST THAT THE LTDP WILL PLACE EXTENSIVE DEMANDS ON SCARCE RESOURCES. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT WHILE WE WILL ATTEMPT TO INSERT MORE

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OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE FIRST SEVEN PARAGRAPHS OF WASHINGTON'S PAPER INTO THE IS TEXT, WE WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO BEAT DOWN SUCH ALLIED CONCERNS AND WILL NEED TO THROW OUR SUPPORT BEHIND MUMFORD AND THE IS TEXT, RATHER THAN TRYING TO PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF MUCH MORE OF THE ORIGINAL US TEXT -- ON WHICH IT APPEARS WE WILL ALREADY HAVE DONE VERY WELL. END COMMENT.

5. WE WILL PROVIDE THE IS TEXTS AND OUR SPECIFIC COMMENTS SEPTTEL.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE FOR INSTRUCTED DRAFTING SESSION BY OOB 25 MAY.
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